

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A voice synthesizing method of converting a ~~stereotyped~~ stereotypical sentence to a voice through voice synthesis, comprising the steps of:
 - determining a voice-contents identifier ~~to point a type of~~ identifying voice contents of said ~~stereotypical~~ stereotypical sentence;
 - preparing a speech style dictionary including speech style and prosody data which correspond to said voice- contents identifier;
 - selecting prosody data of said synthesized voice to be generated from said speech style dictionary by ~~pointing~~ selecting a contents identifier and a speech style for a synthesized voice to be generated; and
 - adding said selected prosody data to ~~voice synthesizing means as~~ voice-synthesizer driving data to thereby perform voice synthesis with a specific speech style.
2. (Currently Amended) The voice synthesizing method according to claim 1, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence of phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of said ~~stereotypical~~ stereotypical sentence are ~~broken up~~ composed, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of the voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.
3. (Currently Amended) A voice synthesizer for performing voice synthesis by converting a ~~stereotypical~~ stereotypical sentence to prosody data and adding said prosody data to a voice synthesizing part as voice-synthesizer driving data, comprising:
 - a voice-contents identifier for ~~pointing~~ identifying a type of voice contents of said ~~stereotypical~~ stereotypical sentence;
 - a memory for storing a speech style dictionary in which speech-style ~~pointing~~

information ~~that is selectable for to point~~ a speech style for a synthesized voice and prosody data are associated with each other;

pointing means for pointing to one said a voice-contents identifier and one said a speech style of a voice to be synthesized at a time of voice synthesis; and

said voice synthesizing part for selecting said prosody data pointed to by said pointing means from said speech style dictionary and converting said prosody data to a voice signal.

4. (Currently Amended) The voice synthesizer according to claim 3, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence of phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of said ~~stereotypical stereotyped~~ sentence are ~~broken-up~~ composed, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of the voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.

5. (Currently Amended) A cellular phone having a voice synthesizer as recited in claim 3.

6. (Currently Amended) A prosody-data distributing method of performing voice synthesis by converting a ~~stereotypical stereotyped~~ sentence to prosody data and adding said prosody data to a voice synthesizing part in a terminal device as voice-synthesizer driving data, comprising the steps of:

determining a voice-contents identifier ~~to point that identifies~~ a type of voice contents of said ~~stereotypical stereotyped~~ sentence;

preparing a speech style dictionary including a speech style and prosody data which correspond to said voice-contents identifier; and

supplying said speech style dictionary to a server provided in a communication network or a terminal device connected via said server.

7. (Currently Amended) The prosody-data distributing method according to claim 6, wherein said prosody data comprises at least a sequence phonetic symbols that are voice elements into which said voice contents of and said ~~stereotypical stereotyped~~ sentence are ~~broken-up~~ composed, and information on a duration, an intensity and power of each of the

voice elements constituting said sequence of phonetic symbols.

8. (Currently Amended) The prosody-data distributing method according to claim 6, wherein ~~said supplying of in case where~~ said speech style dictionary ~~is supplies to a to said~~ terminal device ~~further includes connected via said server provided in said communication network, said terminal device comprises means for pointing selecting~~ a speech style dictionary corresponding to a speech style pointed to by a user's terminal-device-user, ~~data transfer means~~ ~~for~~ transferring said ~~pointed selected~~ speech style dictionary to said terminal device from said server, and ~~speech style dictionary storage means for storing~~ said transferred speech style dictionary into a speech-style-dictionary memory in said terminal device, so that voice synthesis is carried out with said speech style pointed to by said terminal-device user.

9. (Currently Amended) The prosody-data distributing method according to claim 7, wherein ~~preparation of said speech style dictionary produces said~~ prosody data is supplied by referring to a management list of contents for synthesis which is open to public.